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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of the President-Elect

1. On 11 December the DCI briefed the President-elect at Blair House. The Vice-President-elect was not present, but Messrs. Meese, Casey, Allen and Murphy were. The DCI was accompanied by Ambassador Holdridge, [redacted] and Bruce Clarke.

2. The subjects briefed were the Soviet economy and the Sino-Soviet-Vietnamese relationship. At the end of the economy presentation, the DCI made a brief statement on the strategic balance. Although at the beginning of the session it had been decided that Poland would not be covered, as had originally been planned, a few minutes were spent on Poland at the end.

3. The DCI did not give the briefing on sources and methods that had originally been requested. He proposed to the President-elect that he give this briefing at some point in the future to Governor Reagan and Ambassador Bush only. The decision was left open as to whether this briefing would be given or not.

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